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Dear

Thank you for your interest in the May 11-13 'Wagons Ho! Trail Transportation through Time' event. The event is based upon the history and use of wagons, carts, and other modes of transportation in the American West - 1800 to 1920. We are looking for wagons that were used in the West. We would like to have a diverse collection on display - stage coaches, freight wagons, carriages, carts, and farm wagons. We hope wagon owners can relate to visitors the significance of their vehicle and its place in history.

On Friday, setup can begin and Associations can meet, greet, and take a tour of the fort, tour transportation museums and other points of interest. We will have a dinner for Associations in the fort plaza with an evening program. There will be a charge for this dinner. Reservations can be made by calling La Donna Hutton at (719) 254-7266.

On Saturday we will have Santa Fe Trail artwork on exhibit, association and history displays, demonstrations, living history, featured speakers, wagon collection tours and talks. A one mile demonstration trail will be available. The world famous Koshare Indian dancers will have a dance at the Kiva Saturday evening (\$10 per adult). On Sunday we will have a trail drive for wagon on the original Santa Fe Trail. It will be at least 3 ½ miles and if we get landowner approval, 7 miles in length with demonstrations, talks, living history and music.

The event will be a great place to showcase your organization and educate the public about the importance of preserving our past. Featured speakers will share their findings and wagon artifacts will be brought out for the first time for all to see. I have included an article put out by the Santa Fe Trail Association for your promotion of the event. I have included the registration form for wagons and livestock. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Greg Holt
Lead Interpreter

